



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6947

LCO No. 4420

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISEMENT TO CRIME VICTIMS OF
THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) In order to ensure that any victim coming before the court
2 has been advised of the victim's constitutional rights, any judge of the
3 Superior Court shall, at the opening of every court session, issue the
4 following advisement: "If you are a victim of a crime with a case
5 pending before this court, you are advised that you have the right: (1)
6 To be treated fairly and with respect throughout the criminal justice
7 process; (2) to timely disposition of the case; (3) to be protected from
8 the accused; (4) to be notified of and attend court proceedings; (5) to
9 speak with the prosecutor; (6) to object or support any plea agreement;
10 (7) to make a statement to the court before the court accepts a plea
11 agreement and at sentencing; (8) to restitution; and (9) to information
12 about the arrest, conviction, sentence, imprisonment and release of the
13 accused".

Statement of Purpose:

To require the judicial authority to ensure that victims coming before the court have been advised of their constitutional rights.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]